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SUBJ: GOI COMPLAINT RE U.S. FLAG VESSEL " WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL"

1. DAFNI (MFA) CALLED ME TODAY " ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON" TO EXPRESS GOI CONCERN ABOUT FOLLOWING: U.S. FLAG VESSEL " WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL" IS WORKING FOR GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT PROSPECTING FOR OIL IN SUEZ BAY. THIS SHIP HAS CROSSED INTO " WATERS UNDER JURISDICTION OF ISRAEL" FIVE TIMES IN PAST FEW WEEKS (JAN 17-18, TWICE DURING NIGHT OF FEB 1-2, AND AGIN ON FEB 2). THIS IS VERY SENSITIVE AREA FOR ISRAELIS. EACH TIME SHIP HAS CROSSED INTO ISRAELI WATERS, THE ISRAELI NAVY HAS CONTACTED IT AND WARNED IT AWAY.

2. ISRAELIS REQUIRE PRIOR NOTIFICATION EACH TIME SHIP PLANNING TO CROSS INTO ISRAELI-CONTROLLED WATERS. GOI IS CONCERNED THAT, FAILING SUCH PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND GIVEN EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF AREA, THERE MIGHT BE " UNFORTUNATE" INCIDENT.

3. IN VIEW FOREGOING, ALLON REQUESTS USG TAKE STEPS TO CONTACT SHIP ON THIS MATTER.

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